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FROM THE WAREHOUSEMEN'S CORNER

Fruit & Produce Drivers, Warehousemen 890, Salinas, California
P. A. ANDRADE, Secretary

Our present contract expires June 30, 1944; and no doubt your Executive Board will have to help negotiate a new agreement which may involve some changes. This is why your Union asks that you attend the next few meetings in order that we may all understand on what basis we are to proceed.

Local Unions Urged to Form SSA Committees

Is there a social security committee in your Local?

There should be. Send the names and addresses of the members of your social security committee to John J. Cassidy, manager of the field office of the Social Security Board, 204 Post Office Building, San Jose, California. He will see that they are placed on the mailing list in Washington for receipt of such informational letters or bulletins as are issued from time to time.

A social security committee can be of great value to your membership. Since they will be more thoroughly informed about the provisions and the administration of the Social Security Act, they will be in position to assist members in gathering such proofs as may be called for in presenting claims for retirement benefits.

They will be even more useful in case a member of your union should die. As promptly as possible they will phone Mr. Cassidy; "Brother Tom Brown has died; he left a widow and two small children." No time will be lost in starting to figure out what monthly insurance benefits may be due the widow and orphans. Under the direction of Mr. Cassidy, the committee will then help the widow in assembling her proofs—a marriage certificate, birth certificates of the youngsters to show they are under 18, and so forth. The committee may aid the widow to get to the social security office to file her claim. If she does not speak English very well, they may bring an interpreter, probably one of the members of the union.

NOT AUTOMATIC
For remember this—payment of the monthly insurance benefits under Old-Age and Survivors Insurance is not automatic. The person to whom they are due must ask for them, that is, file a claim. And that person must show proof that she or he is the proper person to benefit under the deceased brother's policy. It is easy to see why this is necessary; it is to prevent the wrong individual from presenting the claim.

It has become known that there are actually cases in which survivors, who are entitled to monthly insurance benefits under the law, are not receiving them simply because they haven't asked for them. They probably just didn't know. One of the saddest of these cases concerns an elderly lady whose son had been her sole support. He died. She was over 65 so she was entitled to monthly insurance benefit payments, based on his wage record, for the rest of her life. But she wasn't aware of her rights, and she didn't claim them. Do you know that there is a time limit on the filing of claims?

LEARN YOUR BENEFITS
Do you know how benefits are figured? You are aware of the fact that benefits are based on your average monthly earnings. How many calendar quarters must you have worked, and how much must you have earned in these quarters in order to qualify as an insured worker? What would you receive if you retired today? If you retired in 10 years? What amount would be coming in monthly payments to those who depend upon you for support if you should die? Is an adopted child considered the same as a natural child? What of a man who was over 60 when he married a widow with young children; can these children receive monthly insurance benefits when he retires?

You and the other members of your local union will have questions like these to ask if, as you should, you will give thought to learning about your rights, your benefits, and your responsibilities under the Social Security Act. Well, why not ask the questions? You can have the answers easily enough.

And not any guess work, either.

Your union wishes to inform you that laundry cards for any month must be in by the 5th of the following month in order that payment be made. For example, laundry cards for April should be in by May 5th so that the paymaster can have your checks ready for you on Saturday, May 8. Some of the cards are not being properly filled and this creates a delay; and some of our members in turn do not receive their laundry compensation when they should. Check with your foreman on any of these questions in order that those cards be correctly prepared and to prevent the delay in our people receiving laundry compensation.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT:
On May 16, all of us who are eligible must vote. Your Union will see that you are given enough time to do so. You will receive instructions in your next bulletin prior to May 16 which may change the plant operation for that day in order that everyone who desires to vote will have an opportunity to do so.

Anyone who is a member in good standing and is not receiving this paper please advise the Union office.

It is the duty of all our members to see that the person working alongside is a member of this Union. Some of our members have left our jurisdiction and have not taken out a withdrawal card; and when they returned they were forced to pay in some cases five months dues. While on an honorable withdrawal card, you pay no dues and when you return to the job your card is accepted and you go back to work only paying the current month's dues.

The Salinas Youth Center, directly across from your Union office, was officially opened Thursday, April 27. The various adult groups, involved, who participated in making this fine recreation center available, wish to thank, through the Union office, the members of Local 890 for their active interest, which through the groups of all concerned, has made this addition to Salinas valuable insofar as teen-aged groups are concerned.

PETER A. ANDRADE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Phone Workers Refuse Strike for Wage Hike

Chicago, Illinois
By a vote of 2178 to 1990, members of the Illinois Union of Telephone Workers (unaffiliated) declined to strike to enforce a \$2 weekly wage increase.

You can be informed fully and accurately about the Social Security Act by inviting Mr. Cassidy, the manager of the San Jose field office of the Social Security Board to come to a meeting of your local union to explain the Act. He will be glad to accept your invitation, and if you ask him, he will bring along plain worded explanatory bulletins for distribution to your members, and posters for your office or meeting hall.

ACT NOW
The Social Security Act is now eight years old. It was passed by the Congress largely through the influence and effort of organized labor. In 1939 it was organized labor who led in having the Act made more liberal. That is why survivors' monthly benefits were introduced, and many more improvements. It does seem absurd that there should be members of organized labor who even at this date are not as familiar with the law as they ought to be. Some have entered the ranks of labor only since the start of the emergency, lots of them, in fact. But even older members are not entirely aware of how the system works.

They should be. The means are at hand. Why wait? Has your local union invited Manager Cassidy to a meeting? Has your local union a social security committee?

Negro Group Supporting Geo. Outland For Congress

Negro voters in this district are supporting Congressman George E. Outland for re-election, it was reported this week, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People issued a statement commending Outland for his good votes in behalf of Negro legislation.

The letter from the NAACP, addressed to William Greenwell, chairman of the Salinas NAACP branch, reads as follows:

"Early in the 78th Congress you called Mr. White's (NAACP Secretary Walter White) attention to Congressman George E. Outland who had just been elected to represent the 11th Congressional District. I believe that you wanted us to keep an eye on the Congressman."

"As our October bulletin showed, Congressman Outland has a four-star voting record on important legislation affecting the Negro."

"More recently, however, I had the pleasure of going in to see him about FEPC (Fair Employment Practice Committee). I think that you should know that he received me most cordially and that I was much impressed with his liberal point of view. I proposed to him that he make a statement for the Congressional Record. It should also be said that Mr. Outland's statement was the first one made by a Congressman in support of the Fair Employment Committee."

"I understand that Mr. Outland has few Negro votes in his district. If this is true, he is all the more to be commended. If you care to compliment him for the forthright position he has taken, please feel free to use my name to him."

LESLIE S. PERRY,
Administrative Assistant."

George Outland Gets It Said In 60 Seconds Flat

Santa Barbara, Calif.
Brevity is the soul of other things than wit. Sometimes brevity arrests attention, in manner akin to a whiplash crack amidst droning beehives. So it is, when, in the Congressional Cave of the Winds, a man stands up, talks for one minute, timed, "gets it said," and sits down. As example, another fact-filled one-minute talk by Congressman George E. Outland is offered.

Mr. OUTLAND: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER: Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.
Mr. OUTLAND: Mr. Speaker, the New York Times yesterday carried an Associated Press dispatch stating that the State agricultural commissioner of New York State had issued an order establishing the price for fluid milk in the Hudson-Mohawk milk marketing area at \$4.60 a hundredweight, "regardless of any directive or order of any other agency of government."

The same dispatch quoted the Albany district director of the Office of Price Administration as stating that this constituted a direct violation of the ceiling established by the OPA.
Mr. Speaker, price control is not a pleasant thing to endure, but the alternatives are far more unpleasant. When the State agricultural commissioner of New York State deliberately issues a directive violating our national price control program, he is treading on dangerous ground. It is fair to assume that he would not have done this without the approval of the Governor of that State. Now the Governor in question, who has repeatedly announced that he is not a candidate for the Presidency, seems to be doing right well in obtaining votes for himself at the coming Republican convention. It would be interesting for the American people to know whether or not Mr. Dewey is encouraging his State commissioners to deliberately issue directives calculated to injure our price-control program, or whether he just does not know what is happening in his own State.

Women Doing Fine Job On Laborer Work

Women laborers in the Salinas area are winning the praises of the bosses as well as union officials, reports J. E. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272.

A number of women are working pulling nails out of duck boards at the project north of Salinas. Two others have been engaged by the City of Salinas to help in painting street signs on curbs, and two more are helping city crews cut weeds.

All are getting top wages for laborers, wages similar to that paid men, and all report they like the work. Many are wives of servicemen stationed near here and are getting extra funds.

Other work for laborers in Salinas is progressing well, including the housing project. At Hollister the ADH firm has a new sewer job in progress.

In Union Circles

SALINAS

The parking lot at the old Labor Temple has finally been cleared off and is in condition for cars again. The lot had been closed to parking for a long time.

Secretary Kenyon's report on labor council activities had not arrived by press time—so no report.

Labor Representation On Board of Agency

Waukegan, Illinois
Lake County Central Trades and Labor Council is represented on the Waukegan-North Chicago council of social agencies.

Men talk as if they believed in God, but they live as if they thought there was none.—L'ESTRANGE.

Lest We Forget!

In July, 1943 (right after the passage of the anti-labor Connally-Smith Act), AFL President William Green called upon the six-million members of the American Federation of Labor to defeat for re-election every member of Congress who voted for that bill. Addressing the delegates at that time at the convention of the International Longshoremen's Association in New York City, President Green declared:

"Get ready for the fight in 1944. Go back home and organize. Let the members of Congress know that labor never forgets. Let them know that they are going to be defeated if they trample upon the rights of the workingmen of our country. . . . Six million members of our American Federation of Labor have been penalized and insulted by the action of Congress in enacting the Connally-Smith Bill over the President's veto."

Before the House of Representatives acted on the Connally-Smith Bill, the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor issued this warning:

"The American Federation of Labor calls upon Congress to defeat the Connally-Smith Bill. We will demand a record vote on this measure. Regardless of whether it is killed or adopted, we shall endeavor to vote out of office any member of Congress who supports it. Into this effort the American Federation of Labor will pour every resource at its command."

Here are the California Congressmen who voted to override the President's veto of the Connally-Smith Bill:

Clarence F. Lea	1st District
J. LeRoy Johnson	3rd District
John Z. Anderson	8th District
Bertrand W. Gearhart	9th District
Alfred J. Elliott	10th District
Norris Poulson	13th District
Ward Johnson	18th District
Carl Hinshaw	20th District

Easy Come—Easy Go

Lives of others, too, remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us,
Gobs of things we bought on time.

After raising the Normandie, the Navy is not sure it has any use for same, other than standing it on end again to compare with the Empire State Building.—"SENATOR SOAP."

On Basis of His Record, Organized Labor Should Re-elect Cong. Outland!

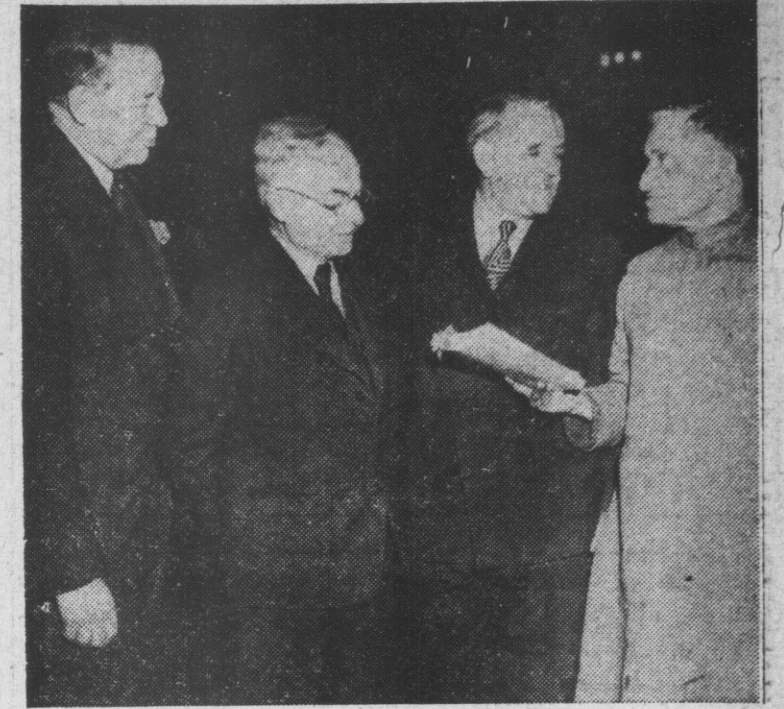
An analysis of the voting record of Congressman Geo. E. Outland, Democratic representative from the 11th district, on key measures vitally affecting the welfare of Labor and the common people of the United States, shows it to be 100 PER CENT GOOD! Here is the record on 11 test votes:

1. Overriding Smith-Connally Veto . Good
2. Ban on Funds for Price Roll-Back . Good
3. Cut in OPA Enforcement Funds . . Good
4. Cancelling \$25,000 Net Income Limit Good
5. Passage of Rum Tax Handout Bill . Good
6. Passage of Anti-Poll Tax Bill . . . Good
7. Vote to Continue Dies Committee . Good
8. Ban on Funds for Subsidies . . . Good
9. Soldier Vote Good
10. Support of Subsidy Veto Good
11. Overriding Tax Veto Good

For Congress, Keep Labor - Democrat
Endorsed—

GEORGE E. OUTLAND

Discuss World Labor Problems



Among delegates of the 41 nations represented at the 26th International Labor Organization conference in Philadelphia are (l to r): Pres. Percy R. Bengough of Canadian Trades & Labor Congress, Treasurer Charles Laurent of French Confederation of Labor, AFL International Representative Robert J. Watt, and Jannadas Mehta of the Indian Federation of Labor. (Federated Pictures)

Ward's and Avery A LONG, BLACK RECORD OF DEFYING UNCLE SAM

By AL SESSIONS

Editorial writers in the kept press are crying their eyes out about the removal of the stubborn carcass of one Sewell L. Avery from the Chicago office of Montgomery Ward and Company. There are hysterical charges of "dictatorship," "Hitlerism," etc. But few of these writers tell the background.

The history of Montgomery Ward and Company for the last few years is one long, black record of defiance of the authority of the federal government. In the Chicago case the dispute involves the CIO United Mail Order, Warehouse and Retail Employees. But Ward's has been fighting both AFL and CIO unions all over the country and Avery has been thumbing his nose at Uncle Sam and bragging about it in big ads in the newspapers. Everyone knows of his fight against the union maintenance of membership clause in a contract with the AFL Teamsters at the Oakland store, and a similar situation exists in Portland.

Who is Sewell L. Avery? He is not only the chief of Ward's commercial empire of 9 mail order houses, 5 factories and 650 retail stores, but he is head of U. S. Gypsum, a director for United States Steel, Armour's, Pullman and many other corporations. His salary last year was over \$100,000. He is a national scoundrel whose record would make Jesse James look like a piker. Look at it:

In 1935 he lost the right to display the Blue Eagle because he REFUSED to pay the company's share to administer the retail code. He also REFUSED to pay minimum wages or time and a half overtime as stipulated in the NRA code.

In 1936 he REFUSED to pay his income taxes, later lost a fight in the Supreme Court and had to pay \$39,110 in back taxes.

In 1940 he was accused by the Department of Justice of illegal price-fixing as head of U. S. Gypsum.

In 1941 he was COMPELLED by the NLRB to reinstate five workers fired for union activity in the Kansas City mail order house and had to pony up back wages to the tune of \$30,000. In the same year he CHALLENGED the right of the War Labor Board to handle the dispute with the union. In the same year he REFUSED to accept a WLB order that he sign a contract with the union. Then he proceeded to spend \$400,000 of the stockholders' money for big newspaper ads to fight the union and the government. Later on in the same year President Roosevelt told Avery to sign the union contract. After more stalling, Avery finally signed.

In 1943 Avery found himself in the Federal Courts on a charge of violating price ceilings. Also during last year Avery tried to prevent the War Labor Board from enforcing its order that Ward's sign contracts with the United Mail Order, Warehouse and Retail Employees throughout the country. Avery then sued Local 20 for a million dollars, calling charges in its official paper "slander."

Now, to bring the record closer to what happened in Chicago the other day: This dispute dates back to nearly two years ago—June 16, 1942, to be exact. The National War Labor Board took over jurisdiction of the case following recommendation by a tri-partite panel. On November 5 of that year, the WLB told Ward's to embody in its contract with the union a "maintenance of membership" clause with a 15-day "escape" provision, revocable check-off, arbitration of disputes and a no-strike, no-lockout clause. The company finally signed a contract with these provisions—but only after President Roosevelt TWICE warned Ward's to comply with the WLB order.

That contract, which was for two years, expired recently and the WLB, after a PUBLIC HEARING, ordered Ward's to extend the contract until the National Labor Relations Board could determine the representation rights of the union. No action from "Sitting Bull" Avery. April 5 of this year the WLB held a SECOND public hearing, and again the WLB unanimously ordered the company to comply. Bear in mind that the INDUSTRIAL members of the WLB joined with the public and labor members in the directive. Still no action from Avery—except ads in the papers to blast the government. April 12 the WLB lost all patience with "Sitting Bull" and, again UNANIMOUSLY, voted to ask President Roosevelt for action. At that moment, also, the employees in the Chicago plant went out on strike. On April 25 President Roosevelt took action. He ordered the strikers back on the job, and he ordered Ward's to comply with the WLB order. The strikers went back, but Avery thumbed his nose at Uncle Sam—contending that the federal action was "illegal," and ordering some more attacks against the Government through newspaper ads.

Finally President Roosevelt turned the matter over to the Department of Justice, ordering the plant seized. Avery still wouldn't budge and had to be carried out by soldiers.

These are the FACTS, this is Avery's record, and this has been Ward's policy. Avery thinks he's bigger than the country, and Roosevelt called his bluff. If one of the little people defies his Government he is thrown into the hoosegow mighty quick. It's about time more of these corporation scoundrels are handled without kid gloves. I was going to vote for Roosevelt anyway, but since he had Avery carried out of his office I'm going to vote for him twice!

Rule Wartime Vacation Vital

Washington, D. C.

Paid vacations in wartime are even more necessary than in the more settled days of peace, the National War Labor Board held here.

The WLB acted on an employer's appeal from a ruling by a regional board. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers had won its contention for a two weeks paid vacation for 55 members in the Fulton Iron Works at St. Louis, Mo., in the regional board when the management appealed, claiming that the pressure of war work was too great to permit vacations. Fulton Iron Works employs 1,000.

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The Labor Editor Speaks

LET'S GET TOGETHER!

AFL President William Green, it is reported, speaks for the Executive Council in coming out with an endorsement for Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota for re-election.

At about the same time we pick up the April issue of "The International Teamster" and find that Daniel Tobin, who is a member of the AFL Executive Council as well as President of one of the largest AFL unions in the United States, takes a vicious cut at this same Senator Nye and backs Congressman Usher L. Burdick for the post.

Tobin says that Nye has a record of only 30 per cent right on labor and progressive legislation as against Burdick's 91 per cent. He slams Nye for his "violent opposition to national defense," for attempting "to prevent the trial of other notorious isolationists accused of sedition"—for opposing subsidies and the people's tax program. Tobin concludes: "The people who are trying to defeat him are the little people whose sons are dying because Nye and men like him refused to let his country protect itself."

Now, the whole point here is this: There is something wrong when some officers of the AFL endorse a candidate and others oppose him. It only leads to complete confusion for Labor at the ballot-box. We think that Dan Tobin is absolutely right in his appraisal of Senator Nye, and we think Nye should be defeated and Burdick elected. But what are the rank and file to think when these conflicting endorsements come out of Washington, and how much unity are we going to get at the polls in this most crucial of all political years?

LONG, HARD JOB AHEAD

Greatest stumbling-block to continued "all-out" war effort in the United States is persistent and baseless optimism that the conflict will be over this year. The war with Germany would be over in a few weeks if we offered her a negotiated peace. But under our terms of "unconditional surrender" (and we don't see what else you can offer international gangsters) Germany will fight on and she has plenty of power left. Except for air combat she is still fighting on other people's territory, and as her armies shorten communication lines and concentrate their power in smaller areas they will continue to offer bloody resistance. It is possible that the Allied nut-cracker can crush the Reich this year, but we must be prepared for a two-year job.

The subsequent task of conquering Japan is a formidable one. Even with Germany out of the war, the concentration of Allied forces and supplies in the Pacific will require many months. The situation in the Far East is not at all rosy. India's 350,000,000 people are sullen. China is war-weary, hungry, politically divided, and many of her leading bankers and landlords are trading with the enemy and urging appeasement of Japan. A large part of Chiang Kai-Shek's army is busy bottling up "reds" instead of fighting Japs. The Burmese are aiding Nippon's military forces. Our political war in the Orient has been tragically weak and inept. A billion potential allies are practically indifferent. Serious situations may yet explode in our faces in both China and India.

After two and a half years of war, we are still "island-hopping," so far as Japan is concerned. To conquer Japan we must invade her country proper and beat her down with bloody assault. The Japs don't scare easily, and "saving face" is more important to them than life. It is quite possible that this war will go on another five years. At least we should be prepared for it. Certainly we cannot afford to "let down." The war, so far, has been a series of skirmishes. From now on we enter the real "blood and tears" stage.

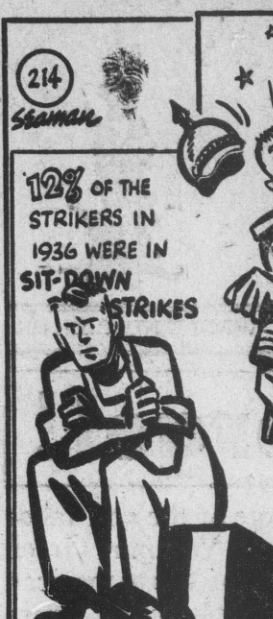
HOORAY FOR THE CAUCUS!

Next to poll-tax restrictions in Southern states has been the "white primary" in which, by law in those states, negroes were not allowed to vote. The recent ruling by the Supreme Court, declaring such laws a violation of the Fifteenth Amendment, will, if observed, permit negroes to vote for candidates favorable to a betterment of their conditions. A full negro vote might result in better schools for the colored folks, entrance to higher schools and the modification of "Jim-Crowism" in general.

BUT, already Southern leaders are proposing to pass laws abolishing the "preferential primary" and legalizing the old caucus-convention type of candidate selection. If a negro comes around they can throw 'im out—or hang 'im!

"What's that, Jimmy? Oh, you want to know what the war's being fought for? Why, don't you remember? It's for the Four Freedoms!"


THE MARCH OF LABOR



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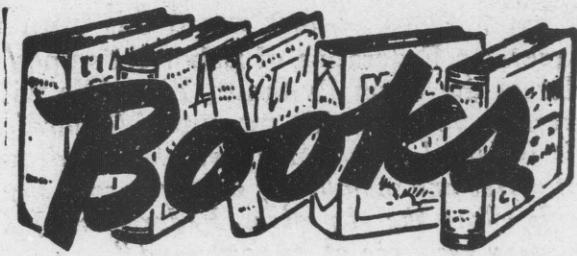
THE MOST SUCCESSFUL GENERAL STRIKE OCCURRED IN GERMANY IN 1922 IN DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ITS ESTABLISHMENT WHEN THE MONARCHISTS ATTEMPTED TO OVERTHROW IT.

YOU STRIKE A BLOW FOR ORGANIZED LABOR WHEN YOU INSIST ON THIS LABEL IN THE HAT YOU BUY.



THE ADAMSON ACT, ESTABLISHING A BASIC 8-HOUR DAY FOR RAILROAD WORKERS, WAS PASSED BY CONGRESS IN 1916.

BUY THAT EXTRA WAR BOND THIS PAY-DAY



WHO DONE IT?

Just as the pun is described as the lowest form of wit, so in certain highbrow circles the mystery story is considered the lowest form of literature. I no longer go in heavily for fiction, but a few times each month I spend an hour or two with one of the 25-cent mystery reprints that are flooding the market, and I find that the best of them afford quick mental relaxation after a steady diet of history, biography and current events. Some of these murder yarns are really works of art—not only in plot suspense, but in character portrayal. The virtue of the cheap reprints is that on the whole they are the best of the crop of the last decade or two, and if you get stung with one of them you can console yourself with the thought that it didn't cost you much to find out!

During the last two years I have gone through a couple of hundred of these popular editions of blood and mayhem, and took the trouble to paste a star on the ones I thought exceptionally good. So if you haven't had this low habit, but still have a hankering to expose yourself to it, you can guarantee top reading by consulting this list:

Tragedy in the Hollow, Croft (Popular); The Silent Witness, Freeman (Pocketbook); Canary Murder Case, Van Dyne (Pocketbook); Stoneware Monkey, Freeman (Popular); Rubber Band, Stout (Pocketbook); Catalyst Club, Dyer (Penguin); Farewell, My Lovely, Chandler (Pocketbook); Journey Into Fear, Ambler (Pocketbook); Case of the Curious Bride, Gardner (Pocketbook); Case of the Lame Canary, Gardner (Pocketbook); Doctor Died at Dusk, Homes (Dell); Roman Hat Mystery, Queen (Pocketbook); Case of the Counterfeit Eye, Gardner (Pocketbook); Dutch Shoe Mystery, Queen (Pocketbook); A Taste for Honey, Heard (Mercury); Mystery in the Woodshed, Gilbert (Mercury); Dr. Priestly Investigates, Rhode (Avon); Stealy Terror, Ferguson (Penguin); Pencil Points to Murder, Barber (Penguin); Verdict of Twelve, Postgate (Mercury); A Toast to Tomorrow, Coles (Mercury); Good Night Sheriff, Steves (Mercury); American Gun Mystery, Queen (Dell); Tragedy of X, Queen (Pocketbook); Trent's Own Case, Bentley (Penguin); Middle Temple Murder, Fletcher (Penguin); Puzzle for Players, Quentin (Pocketbook); Egyptian Cross Mystery, Queen (Pocketbook); Phantom Lady, Irish (Pocketbook); League of Frightened Men, Stout (Avon); Four of Hearts, Queen (Pocket-

book); Corpse in the Waxworks, Carr (Avon); Trial by Fury, Rice (Pocketbook); Fer de Lance, Stout (Pocketbook); Patriotic Murders, Christie (Pocketbook); The Rasp, McDonald (Penguin); Cape Cod Mystery, Taylor (Pocketbook); Red Harvest, Hammett (Pocketbook); Sabotage, Adams (Penguin); Inquest, Wilde (Mercury).

There! In my opinion, those are the best of the reprint lot that I came across. If you get them and then become a chronic victim of this vice, don't say I didn't warn you!

—AL SESSIONS.

CAN HAPPEN IN AMERICA

In Greece today a pair of shoes costs 20 million drachmas—\$200,000 in American money. Just ordinary shoes, the kind that sold for \$6 back in the 1930s. A report smuggled out of the Axis dominated land by way of Lisbon revealed also that a loaf of bread now sells for 260,000 drachmas; a razor blade, 50,000; a shirt, 8 million; two pounds of potatoes, 300,000.

Inflation is part of the Nazi scheme for the people they conquer—because to live in misery destroys the fighting spirit. That is why there is no price control or rationing in fascist slave nations. The Nazis would like runaway inflation in America too—to undermine our armies on the production front. And it will happen here unless Congress renews the price control law in June.

Affiliation of Miners to AFL Is Deadlocked

Washington, D. C. An impasse has been reached in negotiations between the AFL and the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) regarding the return of the UMW to the present organization.

AFL Vice-Pres. Daniel J. Tobin said the matter was deadlocked because of Lewis' refusal to settle the confines of the UMW jurisdiction before being granted a new charter.

In a letter to Lewis, Tobin said that nothing could be gained by another meeting unless the miners were ready to change their previous opposition to their jurisdictional field before affiliation.

POEM OF THE WEEK

The Mother of My Son

By BROOKS WILSON

Missing in action over Germany—
A tall and slender pilot, eyes as blue
As Carolina skies in spring, his hair
As golden as ripe wheat, fresh-washed in dew.

How can I bear this hurt, remembering
Last Easter, when his silver bars were new,
His youthful tenor soaring as he sang,
"Forgive them, for they know not what they do?"

Missing in action—my young son—yet I
Must hold my tears. I dare not let them fall
Before his mother, sitting calm, strong-willed,
So lonely in our pew, no tears at all.

Henry Ford Pledging First Call on Jobs To Returned Soldier

Washington, D. C. Henry Ford has pledged himself to see that members of the armed forces are given priorities for jobs in his plants after the war and expressed hope that "other employers will do the same thing."

Ford's expression came in a letter to Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, director of retraining and re-employment.

The Detroit auto builder referred to new employment because his company's contract with the United Automobile Workers provides that members who left to join the armed forces shall be given their old jobs back with full seniority rights.

Ford's message said that all servicemen need do when auto production is resumed is to come in and go to work.

Doctor, Cure Yourself!

A New Jersey resident recently appeared before his gas ration board with a request for an extra allotment.

He was a chemist who makes a "tonic" that steps up gas mileage!

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Longshoremen See Dewey As Hoover Stooge

San Francisco, Calif. Expressing the fear that Hoover will come back to power through Dewey if President Roosevelt fails to run for a fourth term, The Dispatcher, official newspaper of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, in a recent editorial declared that the President must be drafted.

"When it is considered that the peoples of the world, headed toward victory in a gigantic struggle, have as their prospectus for the first time in history an era of political and economic co-operation which would give security to all, the very idea that Hoover and his minions might return to spoil it becomes sickening," the paper says.

HOOVER A DEFEATIST

After declaring that Hoover stands for a negotiated peace and for doing business with Hitler and Japan, the editorial continues:

"The whole world will watch our November elections and nowhere will the interest be keener than in Berlin. Hitler could hardly be expected not to nourish the hope that the American people will defeat themselves and the whole United Nations and spare him at the ballot box."

"... There is only one way of making sure that this awful nightmare does not become a reality. That is to make certain that President Roosevelt runs for a fourth term."

Illinois Miners Win \$9000 Back Pay Award

Springfield, Illinois Back pay of \$9000 for 45 coke workers in St. Louis has been won by Progressive Mine Workers (AFL).

They Want Roosevelt! WAVE OF LABOR SENTIMENT FOR FOURTH TERM SWEEPS COUNTRY, SURVEY REVEALS

New York City Mounting more rapidly every week with fourth term pledges from local, state and international union groups, in mid-April 1944 the roll call of organized labor's support for the re-election of President Roosevelt spanned the continent and reached into every branch of the labor movement.

By unanimous vote of its general executive board, the Hotel & Restaurant Employees International Alliance became the first AFL international to join the Draft Roosevelt movement.

Officially on record for the fourth term are 10 CIO internationals, headed by the powerful United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers and including United Rubber Workers, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, National Maritime Union, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers, Transport Workers Union, American Communications Association, International Fur and Leather Workers Union and United Furniture Workers.

Indorsement of the million-member United Auto Workers (CIO) and the huge International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) is an open secret, since UAW Pres. R. J. Thomas and other national officers and IBT Pres. Daniel J. Tobin have publicly urged FDR to run for office.

Powerful support for the Roosevelt campaign has come from the International Association of Machinists, second largest AFL affiliate. Representatives of 30 northern IAM lodges at a recent conference in Providence, R.I., voted unanimously to support the fourth term. Similar action was taken in Tacoma, Wash., by delegates from the 200,000 machinists in the state of Washington, by the

Ohio State Council and by large Local 824 in Richmond, Calif.

The largest local in the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (AFL), Shipwrights 1149 in San Francisco, recently came out for the fourth term despite attempts by International Pres. William L. Hutcheson to swing labor into the Republican camp.

SO, CALIFORNIA SOLID

Breaking all precedents, the United AFL Political Action Committee in Los Angeles disclosed that every central labor council, district council, joint council and AFL local in Southern California—with a combined membership of close to half a million—approved its fourth term pledge. State Federations of Labor are on record for Roosevelt in Arizona, California, Louisiana, New Jersey and Ohio.

Definitions

Octoroon: An eight-sided cuspidor.

Politician: A guy who is glad of it.

Matrimony: The splice of life.

Love: The tenth word in a telegram.

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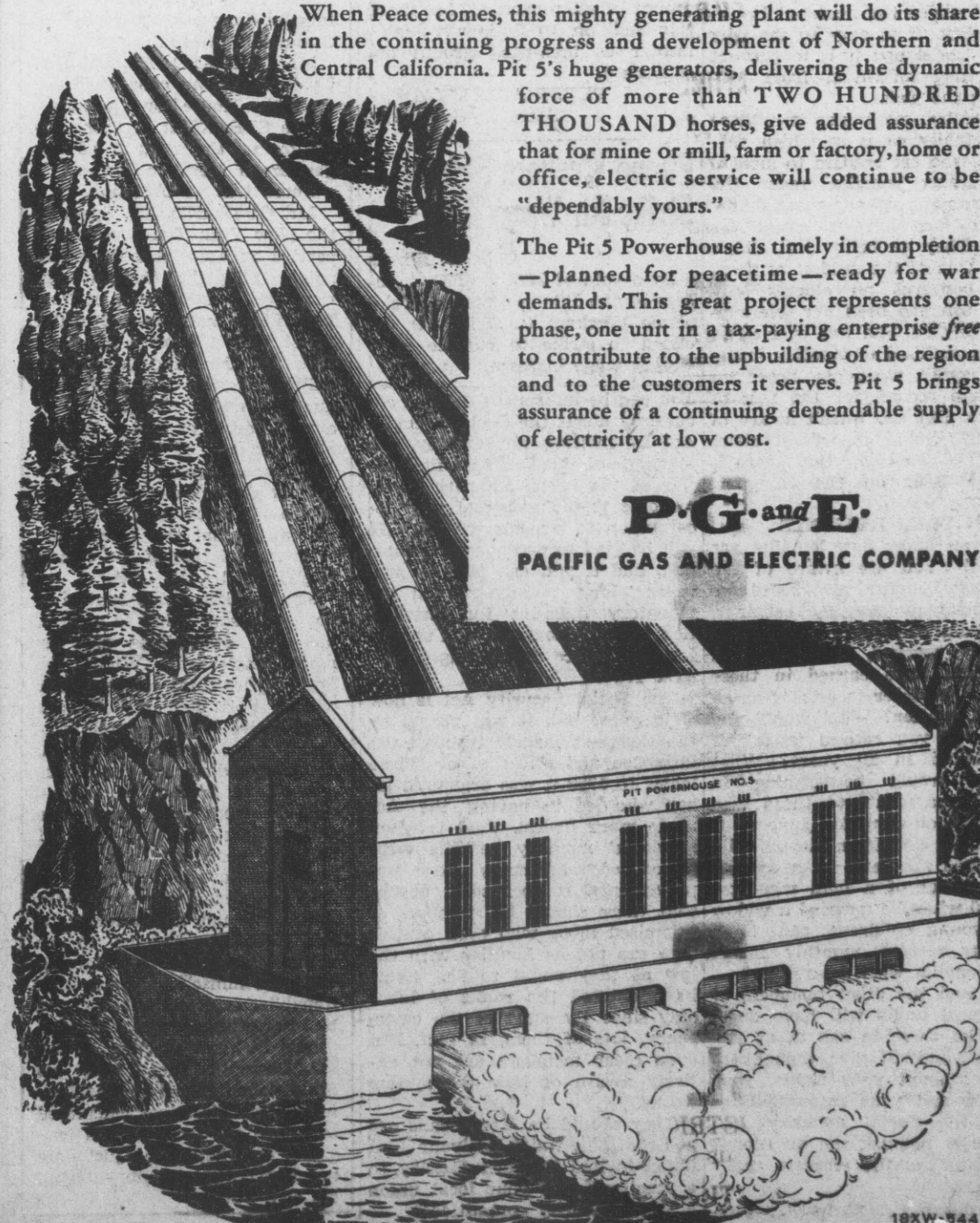
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HOLLYWOOD LOT

By TED TAYLOR

You may have the invasion of Europe right in your home if you like. On-the-spot commentary will be shortwaved to the English speaking world during the storming of Fortress Europe. Mobile broadcast units will go into the combat zones behind the invasion forces and commentators will describe what they see against the sounds of battle.

NBC, CBS and British Broadcasting Corp. are working jointly for the invasion coverage, radio men were informed at the NBC war clinic in Hollywood.

Other special radio personnel is being trained to operate world-wide broadcasts from each European capital as Allied troops move in and free speech is restored. Nationalists will go on the air to tell the world about their liberation.

TELE NEWSREEL. Whether it will be operating by invasion time is problematic, but Paramount has started installations in some theaters for reception of last-minute flash additions to newsreels. Newsreel televising equipment is already installed in the Paramount Bldg., New York.

TELE TEASER. Are movies and television going to be deadly rivals or inseparable friends? While the rest of Hollywood worries, Paramount is proceeding to make the new marvel serve the movies. A trailer or advance teaser program for the opening of The Miracle of Morgan's Creek, Hollywood bawdiest picture of modern times, was televised in the Los Angeles area over W6XYZ. A selection of 40 frames from the film were presented like a magic lantern show, with commentary by Preston Sturges, who made the movie.

UNION ASKS TELE CUT. Screen Cartoonists (AFL) foresees animated cartoons as natural for television material. In current negotiations the union asks that 20 per cent of all proceeds from televising screen cartoons be paid to the union for distribution as its membership decides.

INCOME FOR SERVICEMEN. Screen Cartoonists is also negotiating for 20 per cent of all proceeds from reissues of animated cartoons, which the union undertakes to distribute among members serving with the armed forces.

TELEV UNIONIZING. Local B-11, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL), claims membership of many licensed television engineers and has notified film producers it can furnish tele technicians on call. Producers are evading discussion on the ground that only Paramount is yet actively working in television, and also anticipating that IBEW Local 40 of studio electricians and several of International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (AFL) studio locals may have claims to television on jurisdiction in connection with film production.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS ROBBED OF PAY HIKE THRU 'LITTLE STEAL'

Indianapolis, Indiana
Under the little steal formula, 1500 members of Local B-9, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL) employed by Indiana Public Service Co. have been denied a 10c hourly wage increase.



WARTIME RECIPES

Soya Gingerbread

1 1/2 cups sifted flour
1/4 cup soya flour
3/4 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon cloves and
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
(if you have them)

1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup molasses
1 egg, well beaten
1 cup boiling water
1/4 cup fat, melted

Mix and sift the dry ingredients. Stir the brown sugar and molasses into the well beaten egg. Add the boiling water, melted fat, and dry ingredients, stirring all the time until well mixed. Pour into well greased cake pan. Bake in slow oven (300 deg. F.) for 40 to 45 minutes. Serve plain or topped with applesauce or other fruit sauce, cottage or cream cheese softened with a little milk, or tart jelly.

Sweet Potato Pudding

2 tablespoons fat
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup corn syrup or
cane sugar syrup
1/2 orange, juice and rind
2 cups mashed sweet potatoes.
1 or 2 eggs
1/2 cup milk

Add fat, salt, syrup, orange juice, and grated rind to the hot mashed sweet potatoes. Add the beaten egg yolks and the milk. Beat well. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into a greased baking dish and bake slowly, about 30 minutes, until the pudding sets.

So You Want To Be Deferred!

Thus titled, a notice on the wall at draft headquarters in New York met the envious eye of many a confusion-ridden registrant last week. Plain in language, unmistakable in meaning, free of any ambiguity, the pinup was a copy of Ethiopia's mobilization order of 1935 (in the war with Mussolini). An object lesson in streamlining, it read:

"When this order is received, all men and all boys able to carry a spear will go to Addis Ababa. Every married man will bring his wife to cook and wash for him. Every unmarried man will bring an unmarried woman who can find to wash and cook for him. Women with babies, the blind, and those too aged or infirm to carry a spear are excused. Anyone found at home after receiving this order will be hanged."

DECISION ON PRIMARY MAY SINK DIES

Washington, D. C.
In ruling that Negroes have the right to vote in Texas primaries, the U. S. Supreme Court may have put the skids under Rep. Martin Dies (D.), declares Work, organ of the Catholic Labor Alliance. "Dies has used his office to smear labor unions and most recently the political action committee of the CIO," Work says. "As we read his latest outburst against the CIO, we just cannot understand how Americans have been able to put up with him this long."

Painters Reject Wm. Green Political Plea

Norfolk, Virginia
Local 1100, Brotherhood of Painters, voted to reject AFL Pres. William Green's letter prohibiting united political and economic action with other labor organizations. Action of the painters followed that of the Norfolk Central Labor Union, which filed the same directive.

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There must be closer co-operation on the part of the State with the Federal Government in the war effort and in the stabilization program on the home front, particularly with reference to maintaining price ceilings to consumers and adequate returns to the producer to wipe out profiteering.

As assemblyman I will work to promote the welfare of the 33rd District and give all groups in it fair and adequate representation.

A Democrat of the Jeffersonian School subscribing to the theory that all governmental authority rests with the people that those who govern do so with the consent of the governed.

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It belongs to the worker—the farmer—the industrialist—to you and to me.

But we cannot keep this government which belongs to us unless we forget all the differences of the past and join together to save our freedom from nationalists and internationalists who are seeking to chain us all in regimented slavery.

Stop and Think! Out of the vast army of federal officials who rule our lives, our work, our incomes—we are permitted to choose only two by our direct ballots. We vote only for our senators and our congressmen.

There will be no freedom left in America unless we send men to the legislature who will represent US—the people who own this government and pay its costs. We must have congressmen and senators who will be guided by the will of the people—men who will fight against the invisible forces of tyranny.

I am seeking the vote of labor with the sincere promise that if I am elected to congress, I shall truly and honestly represent the workers of my district in our mutual fight to keep our government in the hands of the people.

We cannot be true to the founders of America unless we fight together to keep the freedom they gave us

**Green In Plea
To Keep Price
Control Setup**Washington, D. C.
AFL President William Green, appearing before the senate banking committee, read a joint statement signed by the AFL, CIO and the Railway Labor Executives Association urging re-enactment of the price control act without wrecking amendments.

Green also read his own statement supporting the legislation and asking its extension without change for 2 years after the war.

The AFL program also called for congressional support of higher appropriations to more effectively enforce price and rent controls; provision of subsidies essential to price stabilization in essential cost of living commodities and restoration of the relationship between prices and wages that existed September 15, 1942.

The joint labor statement said the American people expect Congress to pass the price control bill intact, with adequate funds for enforcement.

"But," it warned, "today there are before this committee and the House committee many weakening amendments which, if passed, would wreck price control. The authors of these amendments are not willing to admit the true purpose and effect of their proposals. Organized labor, like all other groups representing the people, repudiates all of these attempts to scuttle the price control act and insists that Congress stand firm on continuation of the present legislation."

The joint statement also said "a restoration of the relationship between prices and wages which existed September 15, 1942, is absolutely essential to make the labor work equitably and build the morale of American workers to the highest degree of efficiency."

Green joined CIO Pres. Philip Murray who appeared the previous day in condemning wartime profiteering by corporations.

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**Yes, and Plenty of
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In striking contrast to the splendid anti-Nazi spirit shown by the overwhelming majority of labor in over-run Europe, is the infamous pro-Nazi conduct of the big industrial magnates. In Czechoslovakia they are co-operating fully with the Nazi war-lords. In France and Belgium, these profiteers are waxing rich. An issue of the Belgian underground paper, "The Black Legion," thus points out: "... While our brothers languish in German prisons, these vile industrialists are buying houses and carpets paid for, in certain cases of treason, with the blood of the finest defenders of their country. ... We demand that these people should be smashed in such a way as to cripple them for the rest of their lives. ... Seize all their goods and have 'pro-German' stamped in red on their identity cards."

**Toledano Warns
Of Fascists In
South America**New York City
Reporting that the danger of a fascist political invasion of Latin America is greater than at any time since Pearl Harbor, President Vicente Lombardo Toledano of the Confederation of Latin American Workers (CTAL) charged that a mysterious Father O'Brien, U. S. Army chaplain, was one of the plotters behind the recent attempt to assassinate President Manuel Avila Camacho of Mexico.

Toledano gave his information to the press here on his way to the International Labor Organization conference in Philadelphia.

A group calling itself Friends of the Soldiers and pretending to carry on humanitarian work for the armed forces was the center of a fascist conspiracy to overthrow the democratic regime of Mexico, Toledano said. The mysterious American, O'Brien, appears with these conspirators and with the would-be assassin in photographs now in Toledano's possession.

Toledano indicated that the chaplain was one of a number of American fascists in Mexico working with "the powerful minority made up of fascists and reactionaries who either openly or disguised as friends of the U. S. work for the Axis."

**YOUR
CONGRESSMAN
REPORTS**By
GEORGE E. OUTLAND

Last week we discussed some aspects of the price control program, hearings on which are now taking place before the Banking and Currency Committee of the House. For several hours each day since that time your representative has been listening to the continued discussion on the renewal of this program; he has heard cabinet officers, administrative directors, and private citizens give their views as to the value of the program and as to suggested changes which might improve its functioning. While considerable difference of opinion has been evident regarding the detailed workings of certain phases of administration, there has been unanimous agreement on the general thesis that in wartime PRICE CONTROL IS ESSENTIAL.

We were told by such a man as Jesse Jones that "inevitably consumer subsidies have held the cost of living down." Donald Nelson contended that "price control has not retarded production." The executive vice-president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards stated clearly that his organization "has no complaint regarding the stabilization of rents in wartime. We agree that it is a necessity." Judge Marvin Jones, War Food Administrator, told us that "our national food production last year was 32 per cent greater than the 5 year pre-war average," and that "support prices for farm products have been largely responsible for this production." The Secretary of the Central Council of National Retail Associations, representing nineteen important national organizations, maintained that "retailing wants price control. Retailing wants inflation control." The list of such testimonials could be prolonged indefinitely; the differences of opinion have arisen in trying to answer the question, "How can we maintain our hold-the-line policy on prices in general and still work out individual injustices which have occurred in the practical application of the act?"

A great many amendments of all kinds have been proposed as partial solutions to the problem. They have touched upon such points as greater consultation between OPA and the industry in question, speeding up of protest procedures, greater right of appeal to the courts from decisions of the administrator, changes in penalties for violations, striking the word "generally" from the phrase "generally fair and equitable" (a phrase which occurs throughout the act), avoiding of conflicting orders between OPA and other governmental agencies, etc. Many of the amendments refer especially to a particular area of price control, such as the field of rentals, in which eight specific changes were advocated by the National Association of Real Estate Boards. Some of the amendments, frankly speaking, would drive holes in the dike of price control to such an extent that there would be a breakdown all along the line, and the general objectives of the program would thereby be defeated. Others (and we cannot discuss them in detail because of their great number and in some cases because of their complexity) have a good deal of merit and, if adopted, might succeed in making a better and more equitable price control administration.

During the past year many improvements have been made in the organization of the Office of Price Administration itself. Better personnel has been employed, a greater degree of regional autonomy has been granted, more efficient investigation and enforcement has been the rule (although this might have been much greater had not Congress drastically reduced the OPA budget last year), a better public relations policy has been adopted, improved machinery for dealing both with industry and with other agencies has been put into operation. Perhaps most important of all, there has been a tremendous simplification of forms and regulations, and this trend is increasing. The experience and co-operation of local rationing boards has been of inestimable value in making a more efficient program.

In addition to preventing inflation and holding down the cost of living for the American people, the hold-the-line program of price control should accomplish four other objectives: namely, safeguard investments, protect those individuals with fixed incomes, save added billions of war costs, and provide a firm price level for an era of post-war prosperity. As he listens to and participates in

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(Readers of this paper are invited to express their opinions in this column. Such opinions reflect the ideas only of the contributors and not the editorial viewpoint of this paper. Positively no letters will be published unless signed by the writer and the address given. Shorter contributions will be given first consideration, and the editor reserves the right to abbreviate.)

Unraveling Mr. Hart

EDITOR:

On page four of the last issue of Union Labor News there appeared a paid political advertisement asking Union members to support Mr. Fred J. Hart, candidate for Congress from the 11th California district. No doubt Mr. Hart is quite sincere in the political "come-on" remarks he makes. However, in reading over his "copy" I was struck by several discrepancies which glared at me from the page and which in my mind deserve some clarification if Mr. Hart really is "sincere."

First Mr. Hart promises "to save our freedom from nationalists and internationalists." This statement I believe needs a bit of clarification. If Mr. Hart is neither a nationalist or an internationalist, just what is he. For what or whom would he save our freedom?

Secondly in regard to Mr. Hart's rather broad, uncanceled remark that our government is being run by a "vast army of federal officials" who he infers are not the last bit interested in the American people and who are running the country into the ground. Might I ask Mr. Hart just what he expects to do about the situation if elected? Perhaps he is unaware that the United States Government is one of the largest businesses in the world and that to think that the great lawmaking body of this land could possibly do the work they are now doing plus all the detail work that this "vast army" is doing, is absurd.

Thirdly Mr. Hart draws out of the bag of past political wordage that well-worn and vague phrase "the invisible forces of tyranny." To ask Mr. Hart to explain these "invisible forces" would be like asking him to pay someone else's debt. Besides Mr. Hart might find himself entangled in the meaning of his ill chosen "usage" and that would never do.

Lastly is that unexplained bit of nonsense contained in his promise to bring the government back to the people. Never in the history of this great nation has the government been closer to the people than it is now. Never in the history of this republic have the people benefited more than under the three successive terms of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt administration. Of course, if Mr. Hart means by the people that chosen few who in the pre-Rooseveltian days lived off the exploitation of the masses of American men, women and CHILDREN, then perhaps he has a right to his promise. I do think that the question could be quickly solved if Mr. Hart would divulge to those whose support he seeks the identity of the interests he represents. If Mr. Hart really is sincere in all the promises he should not blush to make this request.

Yours for greater clarity in political campaign literature.
—FRED C. HAMMOND.**GREAT LAKES
SEAMEN POLL
SET JUNE 6**New York City
NLRB has authorized an election, beginning June 6, among 2500 seamen on the 78 Great Lakes vessels operated by the Pittsburgh Steamship Co., a U. S. Steel Corp. subsidiary, Vice-Pres. Jack Lawrenson of the National Maritime Union announced here.

The seamen will vote on whether they want the NMTU to represent them in collective bargaining. Pres. Philip Murray of United Steelworkers has pledged the support of the 600,000 steelworkers in the lakes area behind the campaign of the seamen for collective bargaining and job security.

Scoring U. S. Steel as the moving force in the Lake Carriers Association drive to block a solution of the critical manpower shortage on the Great Lakes, Lawrenson said that "unionizing the steel boats will break the backbone of LCA opposition to the efficient transportation of vital war supplies."

Representative Dies objects to being smeared. He must think it is more blessed to give than to receive. —THE ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH.

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